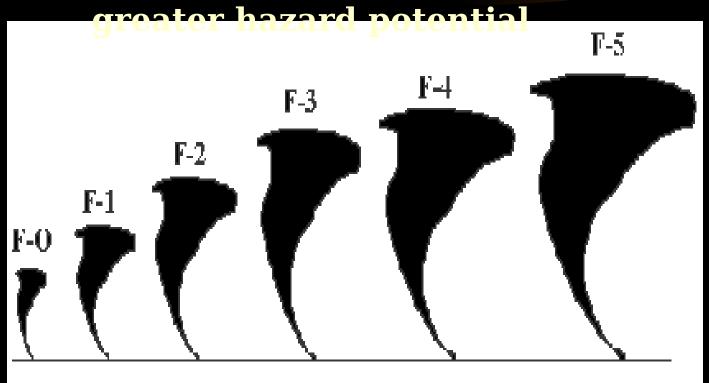




### TORNADO SCALE

The higher the "F" factor, the bigger the tornado and the



- Tornadoes may appear nearly transparent until dust and debris are picked up.
- Stay alert for high winds even if you do not "see" a tornado.
- •Tornadoes often occur when it is not raining.

•In fact, in the Great Plains and other semiarid regions, that scenario is the rule rather than the exception.

### **TORNADO**

Plornadoes are associated with a powerful updraft, so rain does not fall in or next to a tornado.

\*Very large hail, does fall in the immediate area of the tornado.

In humid environments, rain often tends to wrap around the tornado, being pulled from the main precipitation area around the outside of the rotating updraft.

The rain could make it difficult to see the tornado.

		RILEY COUNTY						
DATE	<b>EVENT</b>	TIME	DEAD	INJ URED	SCALE NUMBER	COUNTY		
9-May-50	010	0001	0	0	F1	<b>161</b>		
24-May-50	017	<b>1730</b>	0	0	F1	<b>161</b>		
<b>1-J</b> ul- <b>50</b>	023	<b>1200</b>	0	1	F1	<b>161</b>		
<b>30-May-51</b>	031	<b>2250</b>	0	0	F1	<b>161</b>		
22-Apr-52	002	<b>1730</b>	0	0	F1	<b>161</b>		
18-Mar-54	015	<b>1200</b>	0	0	F1	<b>161</b>		
19-J un-56	025	<b>1715</b>	0	0	F1	<b>161</b>		
18-May-62	007	2110	0	0	F1	<b>161</b>		
8-J un-66	020	<b>1800</b>	0	<b>50</b>	F3	<b>161</b>		
2-May-68	005	<b>1950</b>	0	0	FO	<b>161</b>		
9-J ul-69	015	<b>1530</b>	0	0	FO	<b>161</b>		
18-Oct-79	027	<b>1630</b>	0	0	FO	<b>161</b>		
21-J un-81	023	0300	0	0	FO	<b>161</b>		
<b>30-J un-93</b>	<b>070</b>	<b>1638</b>	0	0	FO	<b>161</b>		
<b>30-J un-93</b>	072	<b>1805</b>	0	0	F1	<b>161</b>		
<b>30-J un-93</b>	<b>073</b>	<b>1830</b>	0	0	F1	<b>161</b>		
30-J un-93	074	<b>1850</b>	0	0	FO	<b>161</b>		

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#### **GEARY COUNTY**

DATE	<b>EVENT</b>	TIME	DEAD	INJ URED	<b>NUMBER</b>	COUNTY
21-May-51	022	0100	0	0	F2	061
18-Mar-54	006	1135	0	0	F1	061
5-Apr-54	021	1845	0	0	F2	061 / 161
14-J un-57	048	0105	0	0	F1	061
12-Oct-61	043	1810	0	0	F0	061
6-May-86	013	2030	0	0	F1	061
13-Mar-90	013	1925	0	0	F2	061
30-J un-93	071	1715	0	0	F0	061



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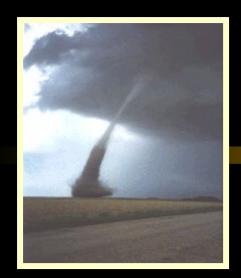
•Damage happens when wind Jet ORNADO inside a home through a broken window, door, or damaged roof.

SAFETY

•Keep windows closed. Houses do not explode due to air pressure differences. Stay away from windows during severe storms. Flying debris could shatter the glass and cause injury.

•It used to be advised to go to the southwest corner for safety; however, the southwest corner of a house is no safer than any other corner.

•Historical information has shown that any corner on the lowest level away from



Colby, KS on July 21, 1996



Lawrence KS on June 29th, 1998



Wichita, KS March 5, 1999

#### • TORNADO WATCH

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Take Shelter from the Storm:

Your tornado r Build a Safe Room.



- •Pick a safe place in your home where family members could gather during a tornado.
- Consider having your tornado safe

place reinforced

- •If you are in a high-rise building, pick a place in a hallway in the center of the building.
- •If you live in a mobile home, choose a safe place in a nearby sturdy building.



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- \*Discuss how you would be warned of an approaching tornado.
- Learn about your community's warning system.
- \*Conduct periodic tornado drills, so everyone remembers what to do when a tornado is approaching.
- •Check with your work and your children's schools and day care centers to learn tornado emergency plan
- \*Discuss tornadoes with your family

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- Find safe places in your home and at work.
- Wherever you are, if you hear or see a tornado coming, take cover right away.
- •If you're in a house or apartment building and a tornado threatens, go to the lowest level a basement or storm cellar if possible. Once on the lowest level, go to the middle of the building away from windows, into a bathroom or closet if possible.
  - •Get under something sturdy, such as a heavy table, hold on and stay there until the danger has passed.

- Use your other arm and hand to protect your head and neck from falling or flying objects.
- •If you're outside in a car or in a mobile home, go immediately to the basement of a nearby sturdy building.
- •If there is no building nearby, lie flat in a low spot. Use your arms and hands to protect your head.

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